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DE 198 13 924 discloses that the arrangement has a Peltier element for extracting thermal energy from the interior of a working container. A heat absorbing junction (11) of the Peltier element can be arranged inside the container (2). Alternatively, a heat absorbing junction of the Peltier element can be mounted on the outside of the container and connected to the external container wall. An Independent claim is also included for a method of operating a condensation arrangement.

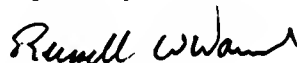
EP 1 342 828 discloses that a washer-drier has a closed warm air circuit (2) in which a fan (6), a heating device (8), a drum (9) for the accommodation of the washing and a heat exchanger (11) with condensed water container (15) are arranged in sequence and a fan for the generation of a cold air stream (3) over the heat exchanger for the dehumidifying of the warm air. The heating device is a warm side (7) of at least one Peltier element and a cold side (14) of the Peltier element(s) is arranged in the cold air stream. A closed cold air circuit is provided. The heat exchanger is a contra-flow heat exchanger.

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DE 30 21 746 discloses a dishwasher 1 with a washing container 2 that comprises a sump 3. Fluid 4 in the sump 3 is heated by a heating device 5. Fluid that has been heated by a heat exchanger 9 is retained in an insulated fluid storage unit 13.

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